

The ALJ had the opportunity to observe the testimony of the claimant and the other witnesses. The ALJ obviously found the claimant to be a credible witness and accepted her description of the events. The Board generally gives some deference to the ALJ's assessment of credibility of witnesses who have testified before the ALJ. After reviewing the record, the Board concludes it is reasonable to do so in this case and, therefore, affirms the decision of the ALJ ordering medical treatment as specified in the preliminary hearing Order.

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**WHEREFORE**, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Order entered by Administrative Law Judge John D. Clark on December 22, 2000, should be, and the same is hereby, affirmed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of April 2001.

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BOARD MEMBER

c: Dennis L. Phelps, Wichita, KS  
Larry Shoaf, Wichita, KS  
John D. Clark, Administrative Law Judge  
Philip S. Harness, Director